



First Responder Network Authority Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) – November 16, 2015

FirstNet News

- On **Wednesday, November 18, from 1:00 - 2:30 pm Eastern**, FirstNet will hold a SPOC webinar to continue the discussion on plans for consultation in 2016. This webinar will provide an opportunity for additional feedback and questions from participants. The calendar invitation sent recently to SPOC team members will be updated with the meeting link and conference bridge prior to Wednesday.
- This week, FirstNet will be participating in the Rural Broadband Association (NTCA) Telecom Executive Policy Summit, the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) Emerging Technology Forum, , the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) California Broadband Workshop and Tribal Breakfast, a SPOC Environmental Team meeting for western states in California, a National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO) webinar, the Commission for Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) National Conference, the Smart Spectrum Summit, the Homeland Security Dialogue Forum, the 7th Signal Command (Theater) Command Strategy Group meeting, and the LTE North America Summit. Additional events and details are available under the newsroom tab on our [website](#).
- Last week, the FirstNet Tribal Outreach team participated in a gathering of Sioux tribes in Minnesota, which was well received. The Minnesota SPOC's team is planning additional similar engagements in the near future. The Tribal Outreach team also visited the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe and met with Monte Fronk, the tribe's emergency management coordinator and tribal delegate to the Statewide Emergency Communications Board. (Incidentally, the chairwoman of the Mille Lacs Band, Melanie Benjamin, chaired the "Federal and Tribal Partnerships in Law Enforcement and Public Safety Initiatives" breakout at the annual White House Tribal Nations Conference on November 4, 2015.) In addition, FirstNet participated in the 2015 Atlantic Partners EMS Conference.
- The State Consultation and State Plans teams have finished the data collection follow-up calls with individual states and territories, completing a total of 55 calls over the past month. Our thanks to everyone who participated in these calls assisting FirstNet in understanding and utilizing the data.

News from the PSAC, States and Territories

- Region X held two workshops last week that FirstNet participated in – The Oregon FirstNet governance body (SIEC) provided an overview of the Oregon data collection effort, and recognized the stakeholder community for their support. Good dialogue

took place on the Oregon data metrics and how FirstNet intends to use that information. In Idaho Falls, the Idaho First Responder Net held a workshop to update regional stakeholders on FirstNet and their data collection findings. The Idaho First Responder Net is actively doing outreach getting the word out on FirstNet.

- Last week, the PSAC submitted a final executive summary and supporting documents for three active taskings: Priority and Preemption, Public Safety Grade, and User Equipment. This information will be discussed at the December PSAC meeting.
- The PSAC Tribal and the Early Builder Working Groups met separately via conference calls last week. The EBWG received an updated presentation from PSCR on priority and quality of service, which will also be covered during the December PSAC meeting. The TWG discussed expanding the regional membership and setting priorities for the coming year.

Media Watch

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Traditional Media

Media coverage this week included the FirstNet letter to Governors, the RFP, Band 14 Incumbent Relocation Requests, and new FirstNet User Advocacy staff.

National Law Review: Enforcement; FirstNet; 911 Location Accuracy; Licensing, Vol XII, Issue 45

<http://www.natlawreview.com/article/enforcement-firstnet-911-location-accuracy-licensing-vol-xii-issue-45>

In a recent Briefing Update to the National Governors Association, FirstNet confirmed it remains on track to release its final Request for Proposal (RFP) next month. Interested parties will be able to submit RFP-related questions to FirstNet through February, and FirstNet plans to answer those questions in March. Though subject to change, FirstNet indicated that final responses to the RFP will be due by the end of May.

Communications Daily 11/9: State Telecom

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FirstNet quietly sent letters to all U.S. states, D.C. and several territories in mid-October requesting a meeting with their leaders and clarifying information about opting in to the network, revenue usage and details about the use of the network itself. In the letter sent to New York, FirstNet said the “financial, operational and contractual risk of the network buildout and operations within New York would be the responsibility of FirstNet and its partner(s).”

Radio Resource/Mission Critical: FCC Seeks Comment on FirstNet Band 14 Incumbent Relocation Requests

<http://mccmag.com/News/NewsDetails/NewsID/13612>

The FCC's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB) released a notice seeking comment on an ex parte proposal made by the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) to facilitate the relocation of incumbent public-safety communications systems operating in the 758 – 769 and 788 – 799 MHz band 14 spectrum...The commission said it has received comments on the NPRM but elected to expedite comment on FirstNet's specific requests. Comments are due 14 days after publication in the Federal Register.

Radio Resource/Mission Critical: FirstNet Expands Outreach Team with Public-Safety Officials

<http://www.mccmag.com/News/NewsDetails/NewsID/13633>

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) expanded its user advocacy outreach team with the addition of three senior advisers who specialize in the fields of 9-1-1, EMS and fire. New team members are Bill Hinkle (9-1-1), Brent Williams (EMS) and Mike Worrell (fire). They join Joshua Ederheimer, who serves as the senior law enforcement adviser to FirstNet.

New Jersey 101.5 FM Radio: Sandy-Inspired Bill Seeks To Improve Communications During Emergencies

<http://nj1015.com/sandy-inspired-bill-seeks-to-improve-communications-during-emergencies/>

Many New Jerseyans remember what it was like not having phone, cable and Internet service during Superstorm Sandy. Legislation introduced by Congressman Frank Pallone Jr. (NJ-6), three years after the damaging hurricane is aimed at improving communication networks during emergencies...In September, Pallone held a Superstorm Sandy Field Forum with local officials, industry leaders and senior FirstNet representatives to take a critical look at lessons learned and progress made with public safety communications since the hurricane. Recommendations and testimony at the field hearing helped contribute to the legislation.

Web and Social Media

FirstNet was active on social media this week. Twitter now has 2,868 followers; LinkedIn has 1,102 users; YouTube has 170 subscribers; and Google+ remains at 58 users.

This week, we posted two new blog entries discussing the addition of three new members of the User Advocacy team and recapping the initial state consultation in California. All blog posts can also be accessed through the FirstNet blog landing page at:

<http://www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog>.